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SUBJ: RENEWAL OF EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON US

1. APRIL 18, 1978 AMHARIC NEWSPAPER "ADDIS ZEMEN" CARRIED STRONGEST ANTI-AMERICAN EDITORIAL SINCE MENGISTU'S RETURN FROM MOSCOW. EDITORIAL CHARGED US WITH SUPPORTING "OPPRESSIVE AND EXPOLITATIVE" GOVERNMENTS, "CONSPIRING WITH MOGADISCIO TO VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA" AND ENDANGERING WORLD PEACE BY "SUPPLYING THE INSANE GOVERNMENT OF MOGADISCIO WITH ARMS." EDITORIAL SUGGESTED THAT US SHOULD STOP BEING "AN INTERNATIONAL GUARD OF NATIONS" AND SHOULD "UNTANGLE THEMSELVES FROM COLD WAR ATTITUDE OF TRYING TO SUBVERT THE IRREVERSIBLE PROGRESS OF NATIONAL STRUGGLES."

2. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, EDITORIAL ONCE AGAIN RAISED US INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM, WHERE USG ALLEGEDLY "SPENT 700 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KILL ONE VIETNAMESE, WHILE ONLY SPENDING 55 DOLLARS TO SUSTAIN LIFE OF ONE POOR AMERICAN." ON SOUTH AFRICA, EDITORIAL ASSERTED THAT "AMERICA IS PRESENTLY ENGAGING IN ATTEMPTS TO STIFLE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IS PLOTTING WITH PRETORIA GOVERNMENT TO REPLACE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. EDITORIAL FURTHER ASSERTED THAT AMERICA IS PURSUING ITS OWN SELFISH INTERESTS

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IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DOES NOT CARE WHETHER MASSES ARE OPPRESSED OR NOT.

3. EDITORIAL DID NOT APPEAR IN LOCAL ENGLISH PRESS AND IS STRONGEST ATTACK ON US IN PAST TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN ANY SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL IMPACT ON US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS AND EDITORIAL IS PROBABLY WORK OF

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND NOT OF HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERN-  
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